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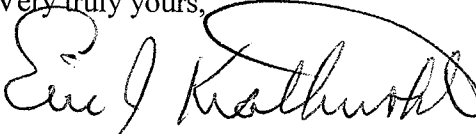
Re: D.T.E. 05-61; Milford Water Company

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find Milford Water Company's responses to the Information Requests of the D.T.E. Adjudicatory Staff and the Town of Milford set forth on the attached list.

Any questions on this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Eric J. Krathwohl

Encl.

cc: Shaela McNulty Collins, Esq., Hearing Officer –Settlement Intervention Staff
John Geary, Esq., Hearing Officer – Adjudicatory Staff
Gerald M. Moody, Esq.
Henry C. Papuga, Manager
Stephen B. Alcott

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Responses to Information Requests:

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**MILFORD WATER COMPANY RESPONSES TO THE
FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE ADJUDICATORY STAFF OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY
D.T.E. 05-61**

Respondent: Stephen B. Alcott
Response Date: December 30, 2005

DTE 1-1 Refer to Exh. SBA-1, Summary Tables 1 through 5. Please provide electronic copies in Microsoft Excel format of the underlying data.

Response: The following response includes substantially also responds information requests DTE 1-2 through DTE 1-5.

A substantial amount of the underlying data was provided in electronic Excel format in the original filing. The underlying data not included in the original filing is being provided in a compressed file named "DTE05-61_UnderlyingDataFiles.zip". A list of the files included is set forth below.

The files submitted with this response comprise two types of data files – data files provided by the Company to the respondent and data files created by the respondent in the course of preparing the rate case, from paper records.

As indicated, substantial data was included in the original filing. It is noted that the electronic files provided herewith were developed as "working" files and have not necessarily been formatted for printing. Also they may contain some data which was later updated, revised or corrected in the excel file used for the original filing.

Files contained in "DTE05-61_UnderlyingDataFiles.zip":

**1099Distributed-03.xls
BA DATA.xls
Depreciation-03.xls
ElectricUsage-04.xls
FireRevenue-01HP.xls
HP-RateCase-2005Staffing-Revised.xls
mwcfixedassetsfstieinforCIAC.xls
MWC-Staff Fringe Benefit Matrix.xls
MWC-Staff.xls
PostTestYrAdditions.07.30.05.xls
RateCase-1099MiscIncomeModified.xls
RateCase-2004ElectricUsage.xls
RateCase-2005ElectricUsage.xls
RateCase-2005ProFormaHealthInsMatrix.xls
RateCase-HealthInsMatrix3.xls
RateCase-LossonDisposal.xls**

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DTE 1-1 (continued)

**RateCase-Materials&Supplies.xls
RateCase-MendonWater&HydSales.xls
RateCase-MonthlyMeterReadingCosts.xls
RateCase-OfficeCash2PaymentProcessingCosts.xls
RateCase-PostTestYrAdditions.xls
RateCase-RE&PPTaxes.xls
RateCase-RE&PPTaxes-Update.xls
RateCase-ShutoffAllocation.xls
RateCase-WaterBillingCosts.xls
RE&PPTaxes-aa01.xls**

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DTE 1-2 Refer to Exh. SBA 1, Proposed Rates, Schs. R-1 through R-9. Please provide electronic copies in Microsoft Excel format of the underlying data.

Response: See response to DTE 1-1.

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DTE 1-3 Refer to Exh. SBA 1, at 2 of 67, Supporting Calculations – Cost of Service, Schs. R-1 through R-9. Please provide electronic copies in Microsoft Excel format of the underlying data.

Response: See response to DTE 1-1.

It is noted that there is an inadvertent error in the table of contents shown at page 2 of 67 regarding Attachment A, Supporting Calculations – Cost of service. The correct table of contents is shown at page 20 of 67 and lists the schedules as A-1 through A-10.

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**Respondent: Stephen B. Alcott
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**DTE 1-4 Refer to Exh. SBA 1, at 2 of 67, Supporting Calculations – Rate Design, WP-
+Priv Fire Des through WP-BA-Prop-2. Please provide electronic copies in
Microsoft Excel format of the underlying data.**

Response: See response to DTE 1-1.

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**DTE 1-5 Refer to Exh. SBA 1, Miscellaneous Workpapers, WP-Payroll through WP-MISC
REV. Summary Tables 1 through 5. Please provide electronic copies in
Microsoft Excel format of the underlying data.**

Response: See response to DTE 1-1.

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Respondent: Stephen B. Alcott
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DTE 1-6 Refer to Exh. SBA 1, Comparative Financial Statements. Summary Tables 1 through 5. Please provide electronic copies in Microsoft Excel format of the underlying data.

Response: There is no underlying data in Microsoft Excel format. The comparative financial data was input to the original filing spreadsheet from the Company's Annual Returns to the DTE.

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Respondent: Henry C. Papuga
Response Date: December 30, 2005

DTE 1-8 Please refer to Exh. SBA-1, at 52 ("Miscellaneous Expense Calculations"). Explain in detail why the uncollectible amount reported for calendar year 2004 is higher than the uncollectible amount reported for 2002; and further explain why the 2004 uncollectible is higher by an even greater magnitude for 2003.

Response: The Milford Water Company charges off 'bad debts' each year for amounts that are deemed 'uncollectible'. The amounts charged off include two categories: sales of water and merchandising & jobbing. The amounts charged off for each year are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water sales # of accts</u>	<u>Water sales Total \$</u>	<u>M & J sales # of accts</u>	<u>M & J sales Total \$</u>	<u>Total Bad Debt \$</u>
2002	3	374.34	16	10,976.50	\$ 11,350.84 ⁱ
2003	5	746.71	12	3,475.31	4,222.02 ⁱ
2004	1	53.17	8	15,783.47 ⁱⁱ	15,836.64

The 2004 uncollectible amount is higher than 2002 due to the recommendation of the company's auditor to "charge off" \$13,776.00 billed to the Town of Hopedale for fire service. Without this charge off, the 2004 uncollectible total would have been \$2,060.64.

The 2004 uncollectible amount is higher by a greater magnitude higher than 2003 due to the previously mentioned charge off of \$13,776.00 billed to the Town of Hopedale for fire service. Without this charge off, the 2004 uncollectible would be lower than 2003.

ⁱ The Company's detailed records show data (as set forth in the table above) that differs from the Company's audited financials, which show total bad debt for 2002 and 2003 respectively \$11,082 and \$4,144. The Company is seeking to determine the reason for the difference.

ⁱⁱ The \$13,776 Hopedale write-off described in the text is listed in Company records under M&J Sales, but does relate to Water Sales.

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Respondent: Henry C. Papuga
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DTE 1-9 Please refer to Exh. SBA-1, at 52 ("Miscellaneous Expense Calculations"). Regarding the Employee Health Insurance account, explain in detail why there is a dollar amount difference in monthly premium payments among employees.

Supplemental

Response: In addition to the explanation of the different premium levels among employees described in the original response, the Company notes the increased levels of premium effective 8/1/2005.

The Company's initial filing noted that such expense would be updated when known. This response provides such updating – increasing the company's required revenue requirement by \$26,913.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE			
Rates effective 8/1/2004			
Monthly premiums	No. of Employees	Annual Cost	
\$398.71	4	\$19,138	
\$797.42	4	\$38,276	
\$1,196.31	7	\$100,490	
	15		
PRO FORMA AMOUNT			\$157,904
less: Amount booked in test year			(120,535)
Pro Forma Adjustment	AS FILED 9/15/05		\$37,369
REVISED FOR 2005 PREMIUMS EFFECTIVE 8/1/2005			
Monthly premiums	No. of Employees	Annual Cost	
\$466.71	4	\$22,402	
\$933.42	4	\$44,804	
\$1,400.13	7	\$117,611	
	15		
PRO FORMA AMOUNT			\$184,817
less: Amount booked in test year			(120,535)
Pro Forma Adjustment	REVISED 12/05		\$64,282
UPDATED INCREASE IN COST			\$26,913

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TOWN OF MILFORD
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Respondent: Henry C. Papuga
Response Date: December 30, 2005

Town 1-17 During the calendar years 2002, 2003 and 2004, how many of each of the following meter sizes did the Milford Water Company install, allow or require to be installed during said years:

5/8" meter
3/4" meter
1" meter
1 1/4" meter
1 1/2" meter
2" meter
3" meter
4" meter
6" meter
8" meter

and for each category, what was the total amount collected as service connection fees as required by the then current Rules and Regulations of the Milford Water Company?

Response: The Milford Water Company purchases new meters as needed and installs them under two current meter programs. They are: 1. Meter Replacement Program, and 2. New Customer Program.

Please see the attached Excel report providing the specific information as required.

2002

Meter Size	Total New Meters Install.	Meter Replace. Program	New Customer Program	Current System Development Charge	Total S.D.C. Fees Billed
5/8	127	33	94	\$150.00	\$14,100.00
3/4	1	0	1	\$225.00	\$225.00
1	10	9	1	\$375.00	\$375.00
1 1/4	0	0	0	\$375.00	\$0.00
1 1/2	3	1	2	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
2	1	1	0	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
3	0	0	0	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
4	0	0	0	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
6	0	0	0	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
8	0	0	0	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Totals	142	44	98		\$16,200.00

2003

Meter Size	Total New Meters Install.	Meter Replace. Program	New Customer Program	Current System Development Charge	Total S.D.C. Fees Billed
5/8	215	153	62	\$150.00	\$9,300.00
3/4	0	0	0	\$225.00	\$0.00
1	7	4	3	\$375.00	\$1,125.00
1 1/4	0	0	0	\$375.00	\$0.00
1 1/2	4	1	3	\$750.00	\$2,250.00
2	1	0	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
3	0	0	0	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
4	0	0	0	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
6	0	0	0	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
8	0	0	0	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Totals	227	158	69		\$13,875.00

2004

Meter Size	Total New Meters Install.	Meter Replace. Program	New Customer Program	Current System Development Charge	Total S.D.C. Fees Billed
5/8	323	183	140	\$150.00	\$21,000.00
3/4	2	0	2	\$225.00	\$450.00
1	4	0	4	\$375.00	\$1,500.00
1 1/4	0	0	0	\$375.00	\$0.00
1 1/2	0	0	0	\$750.00	\$0.00
2	2	0	2	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
3	2	0	2	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00
4	0	0	0	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
6	0	0	0	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
8	0	0	0	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Totals	333	183	150		\$30,150.00

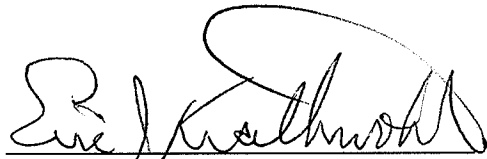
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure).

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts this 30th day of December, 2005.



Eric J. Krathwohl
Counsel

Of Counsel for
Milford Water Company